

## JERRY IS IN LINE

The Stockholders of His New Grand Haven Railroad

## MEET AND ELECT OFFICERS

Mr. Boynton Is President and General Manager—Sketch of His Unique Scheme to Build the Road.

Jerry Boynton's railroad is right in line. Jerry says so himself, and Jerry knows more about that road than all the rest of creation. For some time there have been rumors of a proposed road from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven. But the public was inclined to be doubtful. Jerry Boynton has a reputation for building railroads "while you wait." In fact, since the days of the immortal Colonel Mulberry Sellers there has been no more picturesque conceiver of great projects than the only Jerry Boynton.

But there is a lingering suspicion that the present road may be built. Railroad men say the project is feasible, and Jerry himself says it is as sure as death and taxes. The history of the enterprise is unique, to say the least.

A Bit of History.

When the Michigan and Ohio road existed, it started to build a branch from Jemisonville to Grand Haven. Just as the road bed was completed the company failed. The project was abandoned and the workmen were not paid. Luman Jensen bought the claims, sued the company and secured judgment. The sheriff gave him a deed for the road bed. The right of way has been lying exposed to the weather for several years.

Jerry Boynton afterward made a contract with Mr. Jensen to use the road bed. Then Jerry girded up his loins and furnished indisputable proof that he had a railroad, thirty miles of which was graded. By means of this he floated \$50,000 worth in bonds, and bought a terminal property here and in Grand Haven. He bought the engine that is now in the Grand Rapids & Indiana round house. He contracted for ties and for iron. He also contracted a lawsuit. Then the road stopped a few days to rest.

Yesterday it emerged from its innocuous seclusion and a meeting of the stockholders was held, Jerry acting as chair man.

## The New Officers.

The following directors were elected: David Siven, M. C. Dority, Frank J. Lamb and J. W. Boynton, and Parker Merrill, of St. Louis. The directors chose Mr. Boynton president and general manager, M. C. Dority as secretary and treasurer, and Parker Merrill as auditor. These constitute the principal stockholders. Luman Jensen has some money in the road, and is interested in it to the extent of realizing on his investment.

Last night M. Boynton said he expected some more equipment in the line of cars, etc., in a few days—a week at the most, and would be ready to begin business immediately. He scoffed at the \$300,000 suit that Senator Ferry has brought against him. "Why, good gracious," said Mr. Boynton, peering a new shining 10 cent piece from his pocket. "I wouldn't give that dime to settle all the claims Senator Ferry has against me. We're building a railroad, and it's a go."

## LINCOLN CLUB AFFAIRS.

The Banquet Will be Given on February 11.

The Lincoln club banquet will be given at the club rooms on Pearl street, Friday evening, February 11. Ex-Senator Thomas W. Palmer, president of the world's fair, governor-elect Rich, and ex-governor Luce will be among the speakers.

The meeting of the club last evening was rather poorly attended. Charles K. Gibson presented and read a letter from the Hon. George A. Farr, of Grand Haven, regretting that he was unable to be present and address the club. Mr. Gibson also announced that the Rev. J. T. Husted, who was to deliver a speech, was not present, and he believed that it would be best to postpone the pleasure first, so Mrs. Belle Bridgeman and George Sinclair gave a dialogue from the third act of "Leo, the Forsaken." During the dialogue Mr. Husted appeared, and after the applause elicited by the excellent recitations he submitted by Mr. Husted spoke for about fifteen minutes on his reasons for being so poor of America. One of these was that this is the only land where different political parties could thrive in harmony, the enmity between their personnel often became very warm, but after an election all would say "It is our president," "Our choice" and "Our country." His allusion to Zachary Cane, U. S. district attorney, Lincoln and James G. Blaine, whom he held out as men a nation could indeed be proud of, were received with applause.

The business of the meeting was then taken up and the committee on hall furnishing reported that Fulton Murphy and C. E. Dibble had bid on partitioning the hall so as to make two parlors; the former having offered to do the work for \$400 and the latter for \$115. South & Sanford had offered to furnish

the finest, purest, strongest and best flavors for cakes, puddings, pastry, etc., are Dr. Price's Delicious Flavoring Extracts. In this age of adulteration, consumers owe it to themselves to patronize manufacturers who have an established reputation for placing in the market pure articles. Dr. Price's Extracts for purity have the endorsement of the leading chemists of this country. They are used by the United States Government. The best hotels and restaurants use them. The largest and finest grocers sell them, and they are destined to take the place of all other Flavoring Extracts.

Postponed Until the Annual.

A meeting of the Grand River Valley Horticultural society which was to have been held at the home of Thomas J. Brown, Grandville, yesterday, was postponed until Friday when it will be held in conjunction with the annual meetings of that society and of the Fruit growers association and the manufacturers of fruit baskets and packages. The meeting will be held in the court house.

Died in the Hospital.

Mrs. Mattie M. Morrison died at St. Mark's hospital at 12 o'clock yesterday morning, aged 84 years and 10 months. She had been operated upon for a tumor, but without success. She lived at No. 3 West Leonard street. The funeral will be held from the Second Street M. E. church at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

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slightly injured. The engine was damaged considerably.

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## CHAOS IN ITS TRACK.

A Runaway Left a Path of Broken Carriages.

A disastrous runaway took place on Canal street yesterday afternoon. A street car struck a Grand Rapids State company's wagon loaded with barrels and threw the driver, Charles Blacklee, between the horses. They started on a mad run and dragged Blacklee down under their iron-shod hoofs. One of his legs was broken and his scalp was terribly lacerated. The great load of barrels away from side and side and crashed into a half dozen rigs on the sides of the street. Dr. Carbert's carriage was literally torn to pieces. The Western Beef company's wagon was destroyed and an American steam laundry wagon was damaged. The team became entangled and were stopped near Lyon street.

Mr. Blacklee was picked up in an unconscious condition and was taken in the ambulance to his home, No. 509 South Front street, but as his people were not at home he was taken to a neighbor's house and Dr. McPherson and Catlin dressed his wounds. Blacklee is 35 years old.

## City News in Brief.

There is the usual amount of hustle and hurry going on among the furniture men preparatory to the opening of the January season. The factories are all busy stocking up; and most of them will have the largest display on exhibition that they ever have made. No heavy buyers are expected in the city for two weeks yet, but when they come they will see some of the finest furniture ever made in Grand Rapids.

Taking effect January 23, the Postal Telegraph company will reduce the rates to all points in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut from 60 cents to 50 cents. The press rates on specialties will be reduced from 15 to 1 cent per word for day press and from 1 to 1 cent per word for night press.

A Saginaw Herald reporter interviewed Horace A. Becker, for whom a bench warrant was issued to answer to the charge of seeking to influence the jurors in the Leonard case. He says he remained away from the court on advice of Fred Leonard's attorneys, but might better have stayed and faced the court next morning.

Articles of association were filed yesterday by the Sultz Gas Engine company. The capital stock is \$50,000, with \$1,000 paid in. The stockholders are E. J. Hille, Chicago; A. A. Barber, Grand Rapids; and Charles Sultz, Springfield, Ohio.

Captain Bartlett and Lieutenant Maud Robt of the Salvation Army were married last night by Major Cozens of Detroit in the barracks last night. There was the usual happy demonstration peculiar to such occasions.

Valley City Tent No. 796 K. O. T. M. filed articles of association yesterday with the county clerk. The object of the association is purely fraternal. The commander is Oscar Alyn and the record keeper is Joseph Boughton.

A dispatch from Mr. Pleasant says that Dr. S. C. Brown, an early settler of Isabella county and formerly a man of considerable social and political standing, has been taken to the Soldiers' home.

The last convention of "The Milkmaids" will be held at Good Templar hall tomorrow evening. It will doubtless be well attended.

The meeting of the evangelist pastors and deacons which was to have been held in the Eagle last night, was postponed.

A small fire in B. Allen's house on Clinton street at 2:15 called the fire department out but did very little damage.

The St. Cecilia calendar will be on sale today at Eaton, Lyon & Co.'s, Herkner's and Palmer, Meech & Co.'s.

Mrs. Charles P. Woodward left for Waterbury, Conn., where she will spend the holidays with her parents.

Jacob Labinsky of West Bridge street filed another chattel mortgage yesterday running to J. Frankford.

The janitors in the city hall and court house will ask to be given a holiday next Monday.

Charles W. McGill took the oath of office as circuit court commissioner yesterday.

William Alden Smith and George Bunnell have returned from Lansing.

Cross Roads Toll Gate.

An interesting suit will be tried today before Justice Preston of Walker township. Last spring the Grand Rapids and Walker Gravel Road company moved its toll gate to a place at the intersection of a cross road on the Leonard street road, a half mile west of the city limits. A. R. Edison, highway commissioner, brought suit to eject the toll house from that point, which the company contested, claiming a right to put the toll gate at any point desired. The case has been tried once and the jury disagreed.

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